[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Vice-President in charge reported direct to the Government the result of the election on the 23rd Medam, 1099. The Division Peishkar reported on the 17th Edavam, 1099, that no petition was received by him contesting the validity of the election.

(*c*) The result of the election has been approved and consequential orders have issued.

Kattippanam.

7. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have the Government enquired into the allegations referred to at the meeting of the Legislative Council held in August, 1923, by Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai about *Kattippanam*, and, if so, what are the results of the enquiry?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to his question No. 338 [350] asked on the 9th June, 1924, as regards an enquiry into the matter made by the Government in 1921. No fresh enquiry was ordered in view of the contemplated introduction, from 1100 M. E., of the independent shop system in the area in question.

Appointment of Headmasters in certain Schools.

8. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any recommendations have been received from the Director of Public Instruction regarding the appointment of Headmasters of the English High Schools at Alleppey, Muvattupuzha and Martandam which are proposed to be raised into complete High Schools;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have ascertained from the Director the grounds for the recommendations made;

(*c*) whether the teachers recommended are senior in service to others and are qualified in all other respects to be appointed as Headmasters;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that there are qualified non-Brahmins in the department who have put in longer service;

(*e*) whether they are aware that non-Brahmin communities are inadequately represented in the Education Department; and

(*f*) if so, whether they will do justice to non-Brahmin teachers in connection with the filling of the vacancies of Headmasters that are now pending before them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) and (*f*) Government have sanctioned the appointment

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of Messrs. C. Raman Pillai, B. A., L. T., A. J. John, B. A., L. T., and A. Narayanan Tampi, B. A. (Oxon.), as Headmasters on probation in the three new High Schools. The former two are senior first grade teachers eligible for promotion as Headmasters.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 226 [362] asked by Mr. M. R. Madhava Variar on the 19th January, 1924.

Transfer of Teachers to their native Places.

9. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): (*a*) In view of the low pay of the teachers of vernacular schools and the present cost of living, will the Government be pleased to direct the Inspector and the Inspectress of vernacular schools to transfer as many teachers as possible, especially women, to their native villages and towns or to centres as near such places as possible?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to require the inspecting agency to record reasons in future for effecting transfers in violation of the principle above indicated?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Inspector of Vernacular Schools and the Inspectress of Girls' Schools have already received the necessary instructions in the matter. (*Vide* the Director's Circular* No. VII, dated the 22nd April, 1915, a copy of which is laid on the table.) Government do not consider that any further instructions are necessary.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to answer how many transfers have been effected by the Inspector and Inspectress of Vernacular Schools in violation of Circular No. VII of 1915?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no statistics before them; but if the member requires, they will be called for.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Have the Government any means of ascertaining the reasons underlying transfers of teachers in violation of the aforesaid circular?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware whether any transfers have been effected at all in violation of the rules.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): In the circumstances, would it not be desirable from the standpoint of the Government that the Inspector and the Inspectress should be required to record their reasons for transferring teachers in violation of the said circular?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Under the circular it will be seen that "all teachers applying for transfers to schools at or near their native villages should, to the extent possible, have their request granted except in cases where there is reason to fear that transfers to native places may prove detrimental to the interests of the schools." The reason assigned in that circular can be the only reason

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